

## HEBREWS LESSON TEN QUESTIONS

1. What does the author desire each of his hearers to be diligent to do? What is the goal of that diligence? V. 11-12
2. How would you define biblical hope, faith, and patience? Do you think assurance and hope are words that belong together? Why is it important to understand and think about these words the way they are used in the Bible?
3. What does an heir do to receive his/her inheritance? Why do you think the author is inspired to use this word in describing salvation and the promises it supplies?
4. Why is Abraham such a good example for the author to use in his explanation and illustration of faith and patience? Who did Abraham value above everything?
5. If God by His nature cannot lie, why does He make promises and swear oaths, both to Abraham and to New Covenant saints?
6. What are the two unchangeable things that provide strong encouragement to believers as we face the inevitable trials and the suffering we can expect in a fallen world? Why do you think God promises and swears oaths, when His very speech must be true, since He is God? V. 13-16
7. Why is the analogy of an anchor such a useful one? As you think about that metaphor, how does it illustrate the need for stability in a believer's soul?
8. What does the author mean when he says that our hope has entered within the veil? What did Jesus do to be a forerunner for us?

9. How would you describe your idea of hope? In what ways might your priorities and decisions change if you began to realize your full assurance of hope, as the Bible defines it?
  
10. The author describes biblical hope as a motivator to imitate people who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises. Take some time to list as many promises as you can, which are part of your salvation. Spend some time focusing on these absolutely certain promises which are your inheritance. How did doing this affect the way you addressed the ups and downs of your life this week?
  
11. As you ponder the example of Abraham, what stands out the most to you about his faith? Are there gifts from God that you cling to and perhaps overvalue which can become idols and lead you away from Him instead of to Him?
  
12. As you watch the news, listen to the radio, and read stories on the internet, do you desire to hide away from all the instability and danger in the world? How does knowing that God has an unchangeable plan and purpose encourage you and provide a refuge for you in the midst of the trials of your life in the 'already/not yet' era in which you live?
  
13. Why do you think the author compares biblical hope to an anchor for a ship? What are some areas in your life that tend toward instability, idolatry, and temptations to depend on something or someone other than Christ for all you need in this life and the next?